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Re: CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHER WITH GROOVED BELT

Applicant: Smith et al.
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Dear Barbara:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the response to the office action for the above application, which was filed December 18, 2003.

We will keep you advised of further progress.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer A. Zanecco

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